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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consumer Price Index in the country is determined separately in respect of urban, rural and agricultural labourers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the base year taken for determination thereof;

(c) whether different base years are being used for determination of Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Consumer Price Index Number Series for Industrial Workers and Rural/Agricultural Labourers with base 2001=100 and 1986-87=100 respectively are being compiled by Labour Bureau. According to information received from the Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Consumer Price Index number Series for Urban Non-Manual Employees with base year 1984-85, being compiled by them, has been discontinued with effect from April, 2008.The market survey for compilation of new series of consumer Price Index (Urban) has been completed and monthly price data are being collected with effect from April, 2008 for finalization of the base year.

(c) & (d): The base year for compilation of Wholesale Price Index Numbers at present pertains to the year 1993-94.The reasons for different base years for determination of Consumer Price Index and Wholesale Price Index are mainly attributed to the period of conduct of survey for the purpose of drawing weighting diagram and the availability of price data essential for compilation of any Index series.